GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5986
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002
DIVERSION OF FUNDS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs.31.03 crore and Rs.36.83 crore were diverted for other activities in nine States and kept in deposits respectively as has been brought out by the Comptroller and Auditor General in its Report No.3 of 1999 (Civil) out of the funds allocate to the Command Area Development Programme to bridge the gap between the irrigation potential created and its efficient utilization during 1992-98;

(b) if so, whether implementation of the programme was reviewed by his ministry;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by his ministry against the States which diverted the funds and which kept the funds in deposits than utilizing the same for development of irrigation potentialities ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in their report No 3of 1999 (Civil) has brought out the facts as indicated in this part of the question. However the different State Governments do not agree that it was the diversion of funds. State Government's fund were deposited in civil deposit and released subsequently as per State Government's orders. An Action Taken Report in this regard has already been submitted by the Ministry to the CAG.

(b), (c) & (d) The Ministry has been releasing Central assistance to the States after reviewing their physical and financial performance as per prescribed norms, financing pattern and after following requisite formalities. Utilisation Certificate and audited figures of expenditure are also prerequisites before releasing the Central assistance to the States. Guidelines in this regard are issued to the States every year. Funds spent on non-admissible items are not reimbursed to the States. The Funds spent on other activities or parked elsewhere and thus not properly utilized by the State Governments are recovered. The Programme is closely monitored by the officers of the CA Dwing and by the Central Water Commission. Submission of Quarterly Progress Reports and Annual Administrative Reports from the States are also being insisted upon regularly and timely.

(e) In accordance with the observation of CAG, recoveries have been made from the States. Details of recoveries as on 31.3.2002 are given in Annexure-I. However, the different State Governments have represented to refund the recovered amount.

ANNEXURE − I

Annexure referred to in part (e) of Unstarred Lok Sabha Question No. 5986 for answer on 06.05. 2002

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Total Amount shown as irregular expenditure	Central share of Col. 3 released	Amount recovered/ adjusted through Central release	Balance to be recovered	Remarks
1	Andhra	3163.55	3144.28	0.00	3144.28	State

	Pradesh					Government had been requested to settle/furnish accounts.
2	Assam	129.92	64.96	5.46	59.50	No further recovery is to be made.
3	Bihar	2987.18	1493.59	0.00	1493.59	On the contention of the State Government that the amount deposited in and released from Civil deposit was as per the state Government order , the office of CAG has opined that the matter is administrative in nature and the concerned Ministry may take a view in consultation with Ministry Of Finance, if required.
4	Goa	36.00	18.00	0.00	18.00	No releases made and the amount will be recovered in the ensuing releases
5	Himachal Pradesh	249.30	124.65	3.93	0.00	Accounts settled
6	Jammu & Kashmir	51.27	25.64	25.64	0.00	Recovered in full
7	Karnat	940.46	470.23	437.00	0.00	Recovered in full
8	Kerala	357.71	178.93	134.15	44.78	Recovered in full
9	Maharas	279.00	139.50	139.50	0.00	Recovered in full
10	Orissa	363.63	181.82	45.45	136.37	The State Secretary requested not to recover the balance till State PAC has considered and disposed off the matter.
11	Rajasthan	390.23	195.12	195.12	0.00	Recovered in full
12	Uttar Pradesh	505.36	252.68	252.68	0.00	Recovered in full .However as pointed out on the follow up action by the office of CAG , the matter being administrative in nature, the Ministry may take a final view in consultation with Ministry of Finance, if required.
13	West Bental	31.04	15.52	15.52	0.00	Recovered in full.
	TOTAL	9484.65	6304.92	1254.45	4929.75	